1	2	3	4	5
27.	Uttarakhand	—	02	02
28.	West Bengal	—	10	10
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	—	—	—
30.	Chandigarh	—	—	—
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	—	—	—
32.	Daman and Diu	—	—	—
33.	Lakshadweep	—	—	—
34.	Puducherry	—	01	01
35.	National Capital Territory of Delhi	01	—	01
	TOTAL	19	269	288

New programmes for children and teachers

4154. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Council of Educational Research and Training has introduced some new programmes for children and teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a also a fact that the NCERT is also considering to introduce manuals for teachers and set up reading corners in the schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 adopted by National Council of Eductional Research and Training (NCERT) approaches the concerns of children and teachers in an innovative manner.

NCERT has organized programmes for teachers and master trainers on the use of new textbook through face-to-face mode as well as teleconferencing.

(c) and (d) NCERT has set up a Reading Development Cell in the Council for promoting teacher awareness and developing new kind of graded reading material capable of encouraging the reading habit in primary school children. Objectives of the Cell include developing a teacher's manual for utilization of the reading material and creating a reading corner in selected schools.

Students going abroad under Foreign Collaboration Arrangements

4155. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students who went to foreign countries for education under the collaboration arrangement of his ministry with various countries during the last two years, country-wise, and till date;

(b) the estimated reduction in the number of such students after the opening of foreign educational institutions in the country during the current year; and

(c) the number of foreign students arrived for higher education in the country during the last two years under these programmes, country-wise and year wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Government, in the Ministry of Human Resource Development has entered into Educational Exchange Programmes with 24 countries [Statement (*See* below)]. These serve to encourage inter-institutional linkages, the holding of workshops and seminars and the exchange of good practices. The Educational Exchange Programmes encourage inter-institutional links that may also allow for teacher and student movement but information is not